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Ms. Victoria Rutson Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 500 Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's Proposed Rail Construction
Medina County TX
STB Finance Docket No. 34284
Project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Please include The Medina County Environmental Action Association as consulting party in the Section 106 review process for the proposed railway referenced above. We hope that this involvement with you in this proposed project will insure the preservation of the unique history, architecture, and other historical sites that are extensively spread throughout the Quihi area. This Quihi area is one of the original Castro Colonies founded in 1844 through 1847, and included Castroville, Quihi, Vandenburg and D'Hanis.

Thank you for conducting this research, and we look forward to working with you. If there is any further information that you may need, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Bob Fitzgerald, President

Medina County Environmental Action Association